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FROM BRITISH INTERESTS SECTION BUENOS AIRES (BISBA)
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YOUR TELNO 163: ARGENTINE WAR ZONE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY RODOLFO BALTIERREZ, PUBLIC INFORMATION SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY, PUBLISHED BY 'LA NACION' OF THURSDAY, 8 APRIL:

QUOTE

THE CREATION OF THE 'SOUTH ATLANTIC OPERATIONS THEATRE' IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE DEFENCE OF OUR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE LARGE AREA IT COVERS: 200 MARITIME MILES FORM THE CONTINENTAL COAST AND AROUND THE RECONQUERED ISLANDS OF MALVINAS, GEORGIAS AND SOUTH SANDWICH.

ONCE THE 'THEATRE' HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MAY ORDER ACTIONS OF SELF-DEFENCE IN SITUATIONS THAT COULD ENDANGER NATIONAL SECURITY.

VICE-ADMIRAL JUAN JOSE LOMBARDO, COMMANDER OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,

VICE-ADMIRAL JUAN JOSE LOMBARDO, COMMANDER OF NAVAL OPERATIONS,
HAS BEEN APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OPERATIONS
THEATRE.

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2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO FURTHER DETAILS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

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